“Olympics crackdown on sex trade condemned by Stop the Arrests. Belle de Jour author Brooke Magnanti backs campaign group warning that police are putting lives at risk”

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Olympics and Trafficking: it doesn’t add up.
• Launch of Open Doors website prior to games period helped us to stay in touch with clients
• Newham one stop shop – used as outreach hub
• Ramadan
• People working from home
• Parking restrictions
• Additional weekend outreach in East London. No change
Open Doors sex work and the London Olympics survey outcomes

102 women surveyed over 6 week period. Short survey conducted on outreach and in 4 clinics.

- 25 UK
- 35 Brazilian
- 3 Polish
- 5 Hungarian
- 3 Romanian
- 2 Black African
- 1 Thai

25 UK
35 Brazilian
3 Polish
5 Hungarian
31 Romanian
1 Thai
“I was working as a sex worker before the Olympics”
“I’ve come here to sex work during the Olympics”
“There have been more police raids/brothel closures”
“I have had fewer customers”
“The Olympic games have had no impact on my sex work at all”
“What were they doing? Building an Arc?”
What should have happened……..

- Measures to increase public understanding on roots of trafficking rather than simplistic ‘supply and demand’ discourse.
- Open dialogue about why people migrate to the UK to sell sex  
  *Migrants in the UK Sex Industry, addressing the nexus between migration and the sex industry*, Dr Nic Mai, London Met, 2009
- No prohibition of sex work as ‘anti’ trafficking measure
- Raise informed awareness, not fear & pity
- Awareness about rights & options, not just vulnerabilities of sex workers & other groups
- Encourage clients & public to act responsibly
What we got………

- Displacement
- Danger
- Increased likelihood of rape and sexual assault
- Distrust in police
- Distrust in services
- Conflation between sex work and trafficking
- Emergence of ‘rescue’ industry and 3rd sector players
- Emergence of anti-harm reduction rhetoric in relation to sex workers and public health
Time, energy, public resources

**Junket:** *trip, journey:* as (1) : a trip made by an official at public expense (2) : a promotional trip made at another's expense <a film's press junket>